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Indian Medals by Sawyer, 1904-1912

1920

Sculptor: Sawyer, Edward W.

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MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN
HEYE FOUNDATION
BROADWAY AT 155TH STREET
NEW YORK

GEORGE G. HEYE
CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

April 22, 1920.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Enclosed please find letter from S. H. Chapman, which may be of interest to you. Do not bother to return it.

Yours very truly,

Geo. G. Heye

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enclosure.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street, N.Y. City.

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April 21,1920.

Director of the American Indian Museum,
155th St. west of Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

It is possible as your Museum is recently organized that you may not have the Indian medals by Sawyer executed in 1904-1912, of which I can offer you a complete set.

These medals by Sawyer of the heads and busts of Indian chiefs are wonderful portrayals of Indian types and character made from direct studies from life and exhibit the Indian characteristics with great beauty and fidelity.

The portraits number in all thirty-one, size 44, and of these only ten sets were struck and this is the only remaining set which the artist had not disposed of. The other sets have all been sold to museums or very wealthy private patrons and, therefore, it is very unlikely that any will ever come on the market. They are uniface with the chief's name and tribe, location, signature of Sawyer and date on the obverse with blank reverse, struck in real, yellow bronze. Price $400 for the set.

I am at the present moment cataloging a magnificent collection of American historical medals belonging to W. H. Hunter, Esq. of Toronto, containing the largest collection of medals given to the Indians by French, English and American governments that has ever

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been offered. It contains all the early medals of George I,II and III given to the Indians and no less than two of the large engraved plaques given by Washington in silver, also earlier pewter medal of 1739 and twenty-one original silver medals of the Presidents beginning with the big Renousse medal of Jefferson in silver. The sale will be held in the early part of June and I will send you a copy of the catalog. The catalog will be a quarto and there will also be an edition issued with plates.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Yours respectfully,

S. H. Chapman